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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7552.0029

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Roberto NERI ) Group Art Unit: 1724  
Application No.: 10/804,147 ) Examiner: Frank M. Lawrence, Jr.  
Filed: March 19, 2004 )  
For: A DEVICE FOR PROTECTING ) Confirmation No.: 3611  
MEDICAL APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, the period for response to which extends through August 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Reply.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this Reply.

**Attachments** to this Reply include:

- 1) a Replacement Abstract.